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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF, INTELLIGENCE,
ARMY AIR FORCES;**

SUBJECT: Exploitation of Japanese Documents

1. The proceedings of the recently held conference on the handling and exploitation of Japanese documents are outlined in the attached report.

2. Most significant among the recommendations of the conference are those which deal with the enlarged activity of the Washington Document Center, the merging of the currently separate Army and Navy document research activities into a joint effort in the Washington Document Center, and the establishment in Japan of an advanced echelon of this joint establishment.

3. While information of value to the United States Services to be gained from the intelligence exploitation of Japan is limited and in no way approaches that found in Germany, there are certain objectives which must be exploited. In so far as the air documents are concerned, it is planned to handle them in much the same way as they are now, with the exception that the advanced echelon of the Washington Document Center will assure proper selection and evacuation of significant air items. This will involve the continued use of Army Air Forces personnel for the exploitation of Japanese air documents here in the United States as well as in the advanced echelon of the Washington Document Center.

4. The recommendations of the conference are now before the Director of Naval Intelligence for his concurrence. While this action is pending, your comments or suggested modifications will be very much appreciated.

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Preliminary Report of
Conference, 29 Aug 45

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